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February 23, 2011

Cheryl Kinderman  
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Re: WCHG(FM), Hot Springs, Virginia  
Facility Identification Number: 52868  
Pocahontas Communications Cooperative Corporation  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Ms. Kinderman:

This is in reference to the request filed February 22, 2011, on behalf of Pocahontas Communications Cooperative Corporation ("PCC"). PCC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCHG with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, PCC states that the licensed antenna collapsed, and that it has restored operation with a temporary antenna mounted on an adjacent pole. PCC provides technical details for the proposed STA operation.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCHG may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	38° 01' 52" N, 79° 46' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	296 (107.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.125 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	10 meters
above mean sea level:	1059 meters

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<sup>1</sup> Station WCHG is licensed for operation on Channel 296A (107.1 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 0.16 kilowatt (H&V), and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 429 meters.

above average terrain: 400 meters

PCC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. PCC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310..

This authority expires on **August 23, 2011**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
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cc: Pocahontas Communications Cooperative Corporation